

Section 2 Notetaking Study Guide

Question to Think About As you read Section 2 in your textbook and take notes, keep this section focus question in mind: **What role did compromise play in the creation of the U.S. Constitution?**

► Use these organizers to record key information from the section. Some of the information has been filled in to get you started.

The Constitutional Convention

Issue: How to encourage debate during the convention without public pressure

Solution: Convention delegates voted to hold discussions in secret.



Issue: How to create a stronger national government with more powers than under the Articles of Confederation

Solution Provided by the Virginia Plan: Create a government with _____ branches, and separate _____ into two houses. James Madison authored the plan.



Issue: How many people should lead the executive branch

Solution Reached After a Vote: _____



Issue: How to elect representatives to the two houses of the legislative branch

Solution Proposed by the Virginia Plan: Elect representatives to both houses according to _____.

Solution Proposed by the New Jersey Plan: Give each state _____ vote(s), regardless of its population.

Solution Reached by the Great Compromise: House of _____ would be based on _____, and states would be represented equally in the _____. _____ suggested The Great Compromise.



Issue: How to show that the Constitution derived its authority from the people

Solution: Add a preamble that says, "We the _____..."
Gouverneur Morris wrote the Preamble.

Refer to this page to answer the Chapter 7 Focus Question on page 102.